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FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	08/999,690
Filing Date	September 8, 1997
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Group Art Unit	1632
Examiner Name	Q. Li
Attorney Docket Number	2316.1003-000

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); *Interim Rule*, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [].
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [].

iii. ☐ Other -- [].

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b. ☒ Enclosed

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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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iv. ☒ Other -- Exhibits 1-4; Petition for Extension of Time (4 mos)

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other -- [].

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ A check is enclosed for the following fees in the total amount of \$3074.00

OR

☐ Authorization is granted to charge the following fees in the total amount of \$[] to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

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ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. ☒ Amendment Fee

iv. ☐ Other -- [].

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